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AUSTIN PODIATRIST SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Sanford X. Rosensweig, a 51-year old podiatrist from Cedar Park, Texas, was sentenced today to two years in federal prison for executing a scheme to defraud Medicare and Medicaid of nearly \$156,000. U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks also fined Rosensweig \$25,000 and ordered that he be placed on supervised release for three years after his serving his prison term.

On September 26, 2005, Rosensweig pleaded guilty to one count of Health Care Fraud and one count of Money Laundering. In pleading guilty, Rosensweig admitted that from 2000 until November 2002, he executed a scheme to defraud the Medicare Program and the Texas Medicaid Program. As part of his scheme, Rosensweig caused routine foot care services, such as toenail cutting, to be provided to various nursing home patients throughout Central Texas. Although knowing these routine services were not eligible for payment under Medicare or Medicaid, Rosensweig filed false claims with Medicare and Medicaid which falsely stated that reimbursable - and more expensive - foot care services were provided. The combined amount of false claims paid to Rosensweig by Medicare and Medicaid as a result of Rosensweig's criminal scheme was approximately \$156,000. Rosensweig maintained his primary podiatric practice in Lampasas, Texas.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with assistance from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Texas Attorney General's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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